



Housing Portal

User Guide

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1 Introduction to Housing Portal

1.1 Overview

Housing Portal is a web-based application that consolidates various housing rental resources for individuals to search.

Benefits of Housing Portal include:

- Provides links to non-FEMA housing resources in one centralized location
- Provides publicly available and searchable housing property information

1.2 Accessing Housing Portal

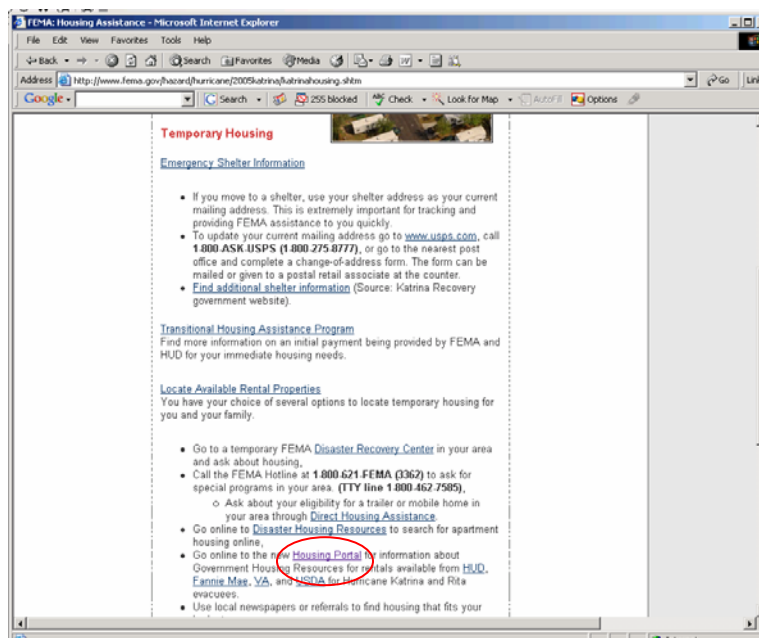
Anyone with internet access can access Housing Portal. Housing Portal is accessible to the public at <https://rims.fema.gov/hportal/>. There is also a link to the Housing Portal site on the Hurricane Katrina Information page on www.fema.gov

2 Using Housing Portal

2.1 Housing Portal Overview

To access Housing Portal from the internet:

- Go to www.fema.gov
- Click on “Recover and Rebuild” header
- Click on the “Hurricane Katrina” link under the middle picture
- Click on “Housing Assistance” under Application Information (the third section on the page)
- Click the “Housing Portal” link under the Locate Available Rental Properties link

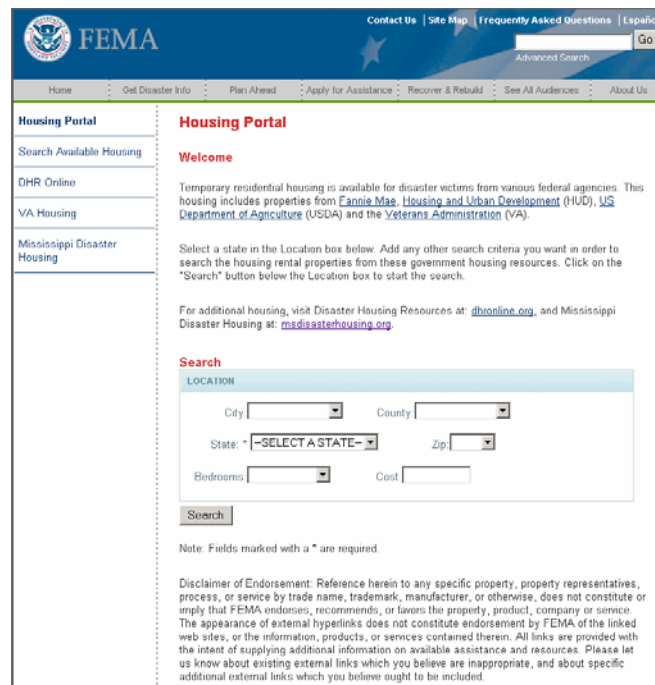


To access Housing Portal from the intranet:

- Go to RIMS at <http://rims.fema.net>
- Click on the Housing Portal icon



From the Housing Portal homepage you can search available housing and find links to other housing information sites.



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Temporary residential housing is available for disaster victims from various federal agencies. This housing includes properties from [Fannie Mae](#), [Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#), [US Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) and the [Veterans Administration \(VA\)](#).

Select a state in the Location box below. Add any other search criteria you want in order to search the housing rental properties from these government housing resources. Click on the "Search" button below the Location box to start the search.

For additional housing, visit Disaster Housing Resources at: [dhronline.org](#), and Mississippi Disaster Housing at: [msdisasterhousing.org](#).

Search

LOCATION

City: County:

State: Zip:

Bedrooms: Cost:

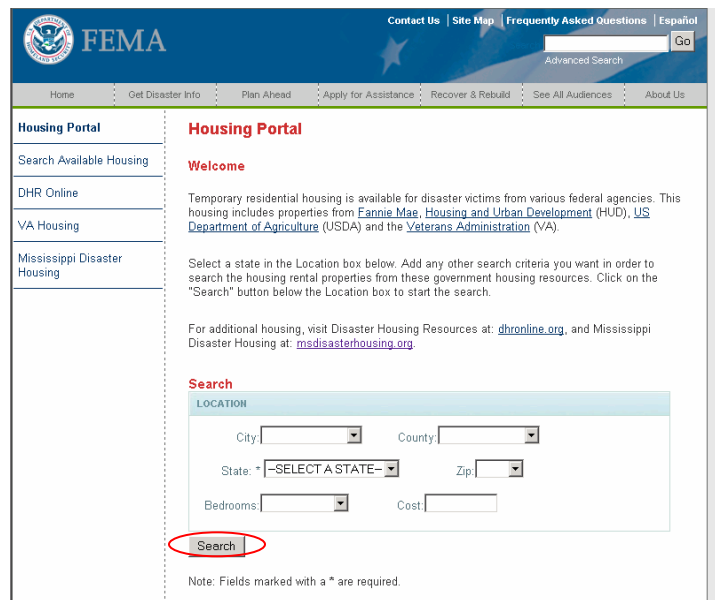
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2.2 Search Available Housing

Housing Portal allows users to search for available housing by State, County, City, Zip, Bedrooms, and/or Cost. Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required fields. Once you select a state, only counties with available housing in the Housing Portal database will appear in the County dropdown list.

Once you have entered your desired search criteria, click the **Search** button.



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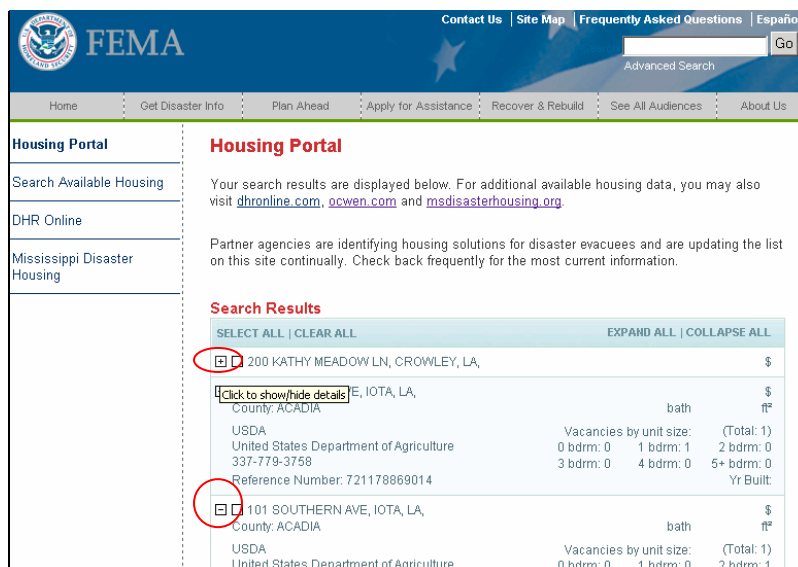
State: * Zip:

Bedrooms: Cost:

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Housing Portal will display available housing resources that match your search criteria. If you would like to collapse any result (view only the address) click the  icon next to the property. To show the details click the  icon next to the property.



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Search Results

[SELECT ALL](#) | [CLEAR ALL](#) [EXPAND ALL](#) | [COLLAPSE ALL](#)

 200 KATHY MEADOW LN, CROWLEY, LA, \$

[Click to show/hide details](#) E, IOTA, LA, \$


County: ACADIA bath \$

USDA Vacancies by unit size: (Total: 1)

United States Department of Agriculture 0 bdrm: 0 1 bdrm: 1 2 bdrm: 0

337-779-3758 3 bdrm: 0 4 bdrm: 0 5+ bdrm: 0

Reference Number: 721178869014 Yr Built:

 101 SOUTHERN AVE, IOTA, LA, \$

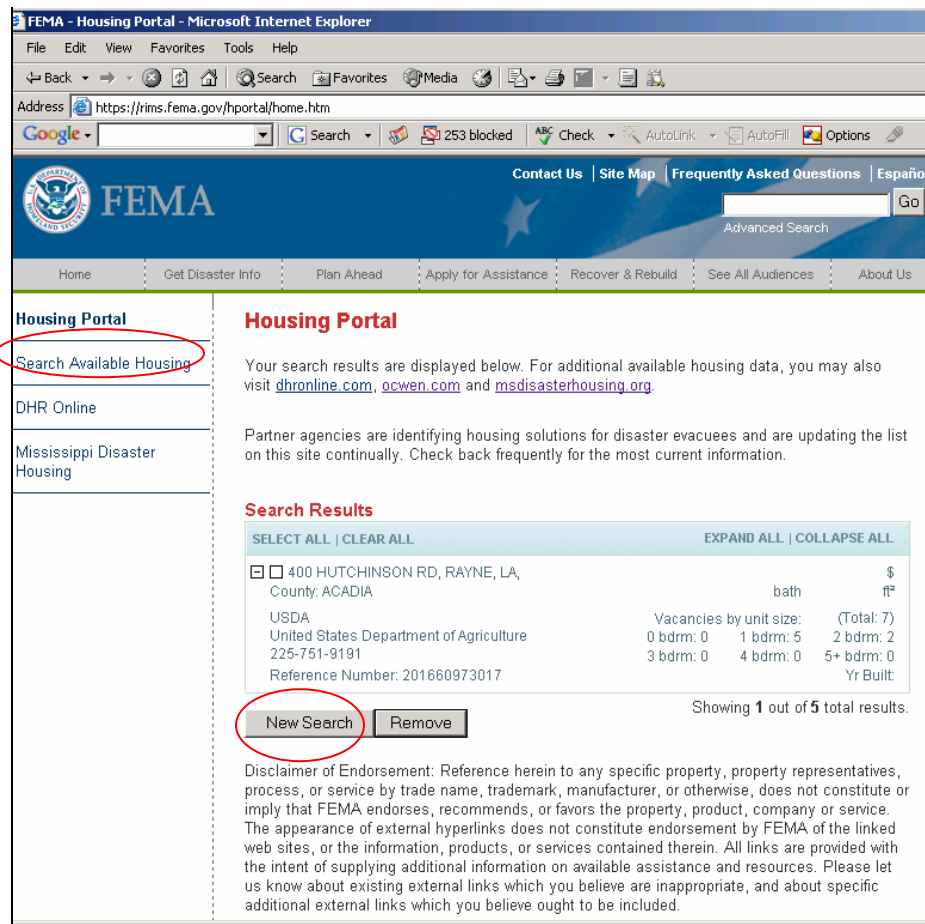
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2.3 Running a New Search

To run a new search click the **New Search** button at the bottom of the search page or click the Search Available Housing link on the sidebar.



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 400 HUTCHINSON RD, RAYNE, LA, County: ACADIA	bath	\$
USDA	Vacancies by unit size:	(Total: 7)
United States Department of Agriculture	0 bdrm: 0 1 bdrm: 5 2 bdrm: 2	
225-751-9191	3 bdrm: 0 4 bdrm: 0 5+ bdrm: 0	
Reference Number: 201660973017	Yr Built:	

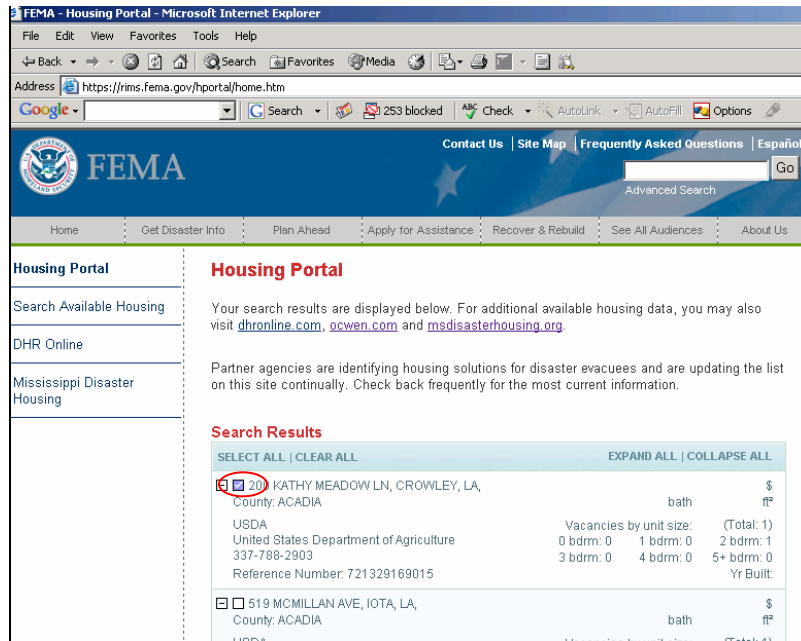
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2.4 Printing Your Results

Before you print, you can select properties that you are not interested in and remove them from your view to make a cleaner printout of only the results you are interested in. To remove properties, click the checkboxes next to the properties you are not interested in.



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20	KATHY MEADOW LN, CROWLEY, LA, County: ACADIA	bath	\$ ft²
USDA United States Department of Agriculture 337-788-2903 Reference Number: 721329169015			
Vacancies by unit size: (Total: 1)			
0 bdrm: 0		1 bdrm: 0	2 bdrm: 1
3 bdrm: 0		4 bdrm: 0	5+ bdrm: 0
Yr Built:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	519 MCMILLAN AVE, IOTA, LA, County: ACADIA	bath	\$ ft²
USDA United States Department of Agriculture 337-334-3280 Reference Number: 630834600011			
Vacancies by unit size: (Total: 2)			
0 bdrm: 0		1 bdrm: 1	2 bdrm: 1
3 bdrm: 0		4 bdrm: 0	5+ bdrm: 0
Yr Built:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	400 HUTCHINSON RD, RAYNE, LA, County: ACADIA	bath	\$ ft²
USDA United States Department of Agriculture 225-751-9191 Reference Number: 201660973017			
Vacancies by unit size: (Total: 7)			
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Yr Built:			

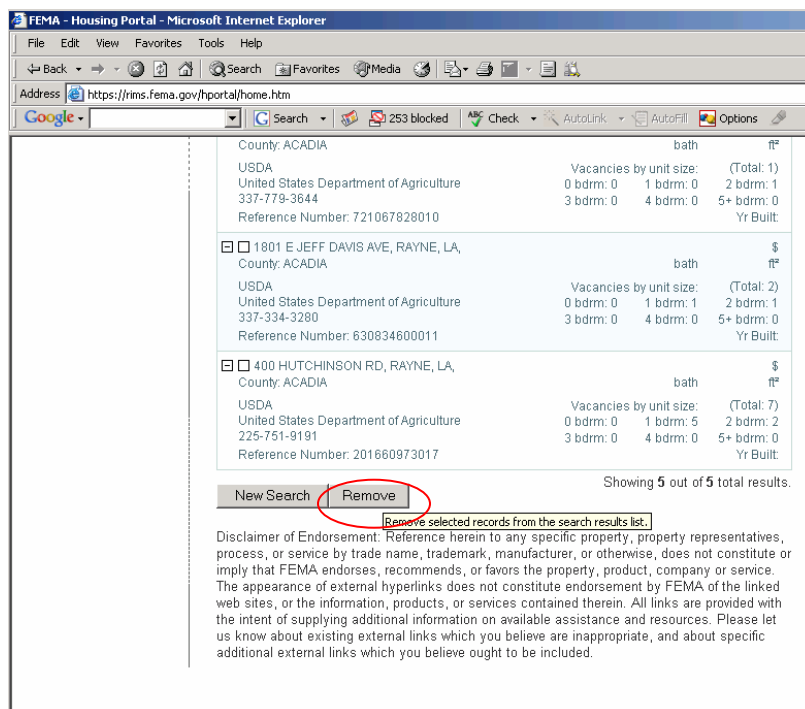
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Showing 5 out of 5 total results.

Remove selected records from the search results list.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20	KATHY MEADOW LN, CROWLEY, LA, County: ACADIA	bath	\$ ft²
USDA United States Department of Agriculture 337-779-3644 Reference Number: 721067828010			
Vacancies by unit size: (Total: 1)			
0 bdrm: 0		1 bdrm: 0	2 bdrm: 1
3 bdrm: 0		4 bdrm: 0	5+ bdrm: 0
Yr Built:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	1801 E JEFF DAVIS AVE, RAYNE, LA, County: ACADIA	bath	\$ ft²
USDA United States Department of Agriculture 337-334-3280 Reference Number: 630834600011			
Vacancies by unit size: (Total: 2)			
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Yr Built:			
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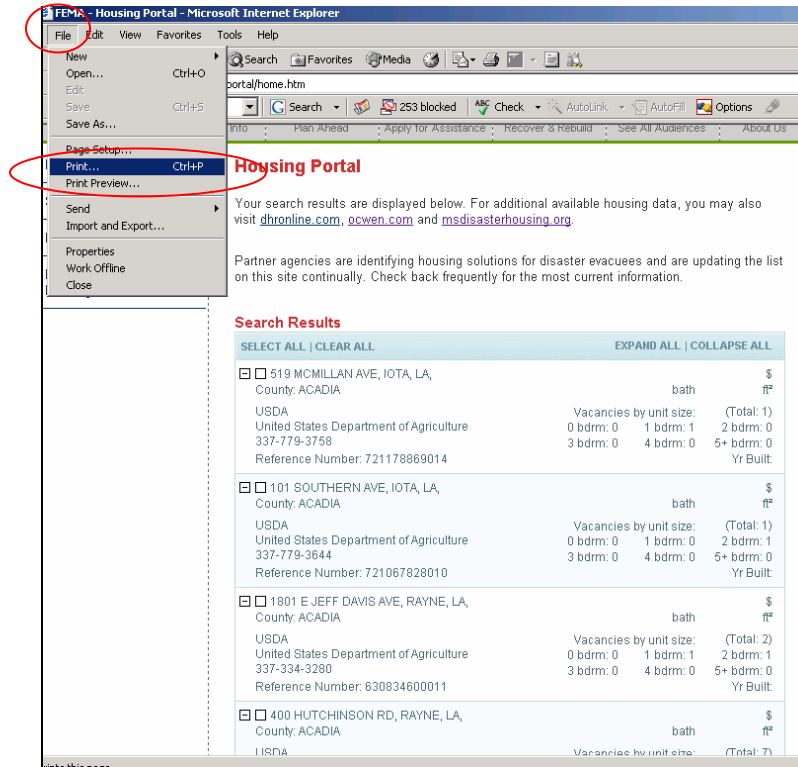
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3 Questions or Suggestions

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